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To whom it may concern:

In the matter of forced molting of hens, the Food and Drug Administration should prohibit this practice because it has been proven to promote disease by destroying the immune systems of the starving hens.

It is simply not enough to place "Bacteria warning" labels on egg cartons and to regulate egg refrigeration temperatures. The FDA should ban farm practices, such as forced molting, that impair human health.

Forced molting results in contaminated eggs, which results in infectious diseases in humans. In the case of forced molting, cruelty to animals leads directly to a cruel deception of the consumer.

The FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to prohibit forced molting. I urge you to grant this petition immediately.

I would very much appreciate your favorable consideration of this very important matter.

Very truly yours,

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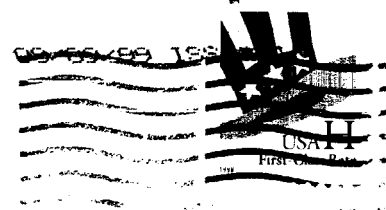
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